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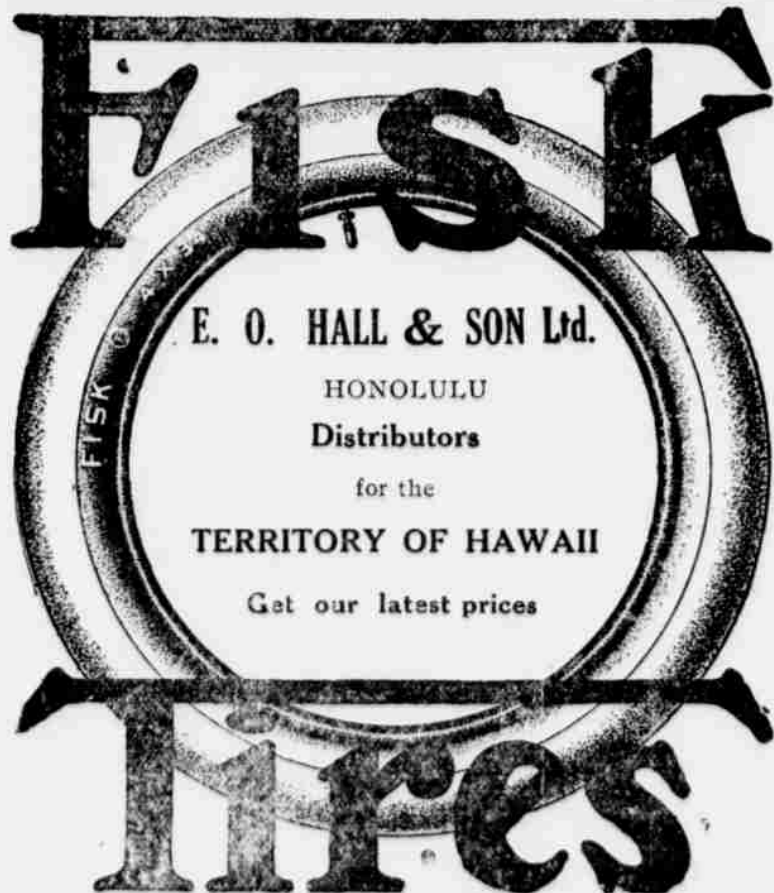


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**LETTERS FROM
A CADET**

Camp Perry, Aug. 21, 1920.

This will be the last regular letter that I will write, for I will be on my way home in a few days, and I won't have time to do much more writing.

I got a telegram from the Palmers, who use to live at Lihue, on Thursday saying that they were coming to Port Clinton, a little town a few miles from here, on Saturday afternoon. I thought that inasmuch as they had come so far I had better go over and meet the train. So I got excused from the afternoon drill and went. And I waited there at the station from 3 o'clock to 9, but no Palmers. I began to get disgusted, for here I had reserved a tent at the clubhouse for them, and gone into town to meet them, and spent in all nearly ten dollars—all for nothing.

I came home in a blue funk, and marched into the tent ready to swear, and to my surprise there the Palmers were. They had missed the train and had taken the inter-urban, and had forgotten that I would be at the railroad station.

They took me into town, and we had a dandy supper, the first real honest-to-goodness meal since we left home. We started off with tomato soup and crackers, then had salad and fish, which was followed by porterhouse steak and French fried potatoes, and we ended up with cake and coffee. It makes my mouth water yet just to think of it. After that we went to a first class hotel and I had my first sleep between sheets for two months.

The Palmers were certainly wonderfully good to me; they bought me candy and cookies, while Mrs. Palmer brought with her a big box of cookies of her own make, and you know how unequalled they are! I remembered them of old and am enjoying them very much.

When they left Mr. Palmer wanted to give me \$25.00, when I wouldn't take it, I found a \$10 bill in my pocket when I woke up the next morning. They wanted me to visit them, and say that when I come to college I must come and spend the Christmas vacation with them. They are quite well-to-do now, and own a car. Mr. Palmer owns a big wax paper industry in Columbus, which is doing very well. They want you to remember them to all of their friends, and they hope to visit the Islands in the course of a few years.

SUGAR NOTES

Latest crop estimates for the current year indicate the total output for the Islands will be 566,233 tons, which is a falling off of about 1300 tons from original estimates.

The output according to Islands will be as follows: 130,594 tons, Maui 128,283, Oahu 117,995, Kauai 92,648.

There is an exodus of Japanese cane growers from Hawaii to Japan. Many of them are leaving with fortunes sufficient to keep them in easy circumstances in their native country. Many of them take from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

All the sugar mills on Oahu are now running 24 hours a day. They are late with their crops, and are now making up lost time due to the strike.

Recently Maui Agricultural discharged 18 agitators. They were trying to stir up trouble between the men and the plantation.

Action is to be taken on behalf of the Waiakea Homesteaders against the Waiakea Mill Co. for alleged damages sustained by them because of neglect of their cane. The amount may run to four million dollars.

Catton Neill & Co. have secured an advantageous site and are erecting shops and warehouses at Hilo, in the Philippines, for the construction and repair of sugar mill machinery.

Peru has been a sugar growing country from time immemorial, but hasn't cut much figure, at least to the outside world.

Now however it is beginning to loom up larger on the sugar horizon. The estimate for this crop is 325,000 tons which is more than half the output of Hawaii.

Land is cheap there, \$5 to \$25, an acre, not rent but purchase price. The cane is all irrigation grown. Labor is cheap, 70 cts a day and no bonus. The cane appears to be of good quality as it takes only six to eight tons of cane to a ton of sugar. Most of the mills are old fashioned and inefficient.

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